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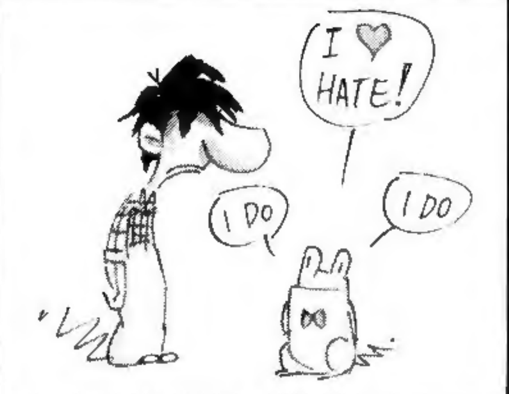
EDITORIAL • APPARENTLY, WHEN I WROTE IN THE LAST ISSUE THAT I WAS MORE INCLINED TO PRINT NEGATIVE LETTERS DUE TO THEIR ENTERTAINMENT VALUE, IT WAS GREATLY MISINTERPRETED AS MEANING I *ENJOY* RECEIVING LETTERS FROM RAGING ASSHOLES (*NOT* TRUE!). AS A RESULT EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO TOP EACH OTHER IN TERMS OF OBNOXIOUSNESS, THE "WINNER" PROBABLY BEING THE GUY WHO ASKED FOR XEROXES OF MY PENCILS SO HE CAN SHOW ME "HOW THEY *SHOULD* BE INKED." ALL THIS MISPLACED EFFORT JUST FOR THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF HAVING A LETTER PRINTED IN *HATE*. SICK! SO AS A RESULT OF *THAT* THERE WILL BE NO LETTER SECTION (NYAH!) UNTIL PEOPLE START TELLING ME WHAT THEY *REALLY* THINK, PAINFUL AND BORING AS THAT MIGHT BE. • I'M STILL MORE THAN WILLING TO *PLUG* STUFF, THO' — EVEN STUFF THAT'S ATTACHED TO OBNOXIOUS LETTERS! — SO NOT EVERYONE WASTED MONEY ON POSTAGE. I ALSO MET A LOT OF CHEAPSKATES ON THE "HATE-BALL" TOUR WHO WOULD *HAND* ME THEIR SELF-PUBLISHED COMICS, FORCING ME TO HAUL ALL THIS STUFF HOME MYSELF. UGH. I SHOULD *PUNISH* PEOPLE FOR DOING THIS, BUT A LOT OF THESE PENNY-PINCHING UP-AND-COMERS ARE TOO TALENTED TO IGNORE. FOREMOST AMONG THEM IS JEFF JOHNSON OF ATHENS, GA, WHO'S BEEN PLUGGED ALL OVER CREATION ALREADY, WHO IS EVEN STARTING TO GET PUBLISHED IN "REAL" COMICS (CHECK OUT THE LATEST *BUZZARD* AND *REAL STUFF*), BUT HIS BEAUTIFUL SELF-PUBLISHED MINIS ARE MUST-HAVE ITEMS, ESPECIALLY HIS LATEST, *CROTCH POTATO*, WITH ITS HAUNTING COLOR COVER. SEND DOLLARS TO: BOX 2932, ATHENS, GA 30612-0932, AND WAIT WITH BATED BREATH. • MEANWHILE, BOSTON, MA PROVED TO BE THE MOTHERLODE OF UNTAPPED COMICBOOK BRILLIANCE! RON REGE HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN THESE PAGES BEFORE, BUT HE'S TAKEN AN EVEN BIGGER LEAP FORWARD WITH HIS LATEST BATCH OF MINIS, FOREMOST AMONG THEM BEING *BEAUTY SECTION*, WHICH YOU MUST ASK FOR BY NAME WHEN YOU SEND A MILLION DOLLARS TO: NIB COMICS, C/O 45 CHEROKEE STREET, #1, ROXBURY, MA, 02120. . . NO MINI COMIC LOVER SHOULD BE WITHOUT ANY OF THE FINE TITLES OFFERED UP BY THE IMAGINATIVE P. SHAW (BOX 928, BOSTON, MA, 02117-0928), WHO DEVISES INGENIOUS FORMATS TO SUIT HIS AND HIS COMPATRIOTS' ECLECTIC ART STYLES. SEND $4.00 FOR THE FANTABULOUS *ST. INK* ANTHOLOGIES. THE RELATIONSHIPPY TALES OF GREG MOUTAFIS (41 HARVARD STREET #3, BROOKLINE, MA 02146) ALSO DESERVE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, AS DOES ARIEL BORDEAUX'S SELF-DEPRECATING LAFF-A-THON *DEEP GIRL* (SHE JUST RELOCATED TO S.F. — OH HOW TYPICAL! — AND SHE CAN BE REACHED AT: 573 SCOTT STREET APT. L, SF, CA, 94117). . . THE MASOCHISTIC GREG FIERING USES HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK AS INSPIRATION FOR HIS PAINFULLY HILARIOUS *TRAIL-OF-TEARS* ($5.00 to 111 E. 14TH STREET — FURTHER PROOF OF HIS MASOCHISM! — #377, NY, NY 10003). . . IF YOU LIKE THE WORK OF NOT ONLY DAN CLOWES BUT HIS OLD COHORTS RICK ALTERGOTT, MORT TODD, ETC., THEN YOU'LL LOVE *NERVOUS TALES* BY A TALENTED BRIT, CASPAR WILLIAMS, WHOSE WORK SO RESEMBLES THE AFOREMENTIONED IT'S UNCANNY! ($4.00 TO: 15 MONTPELIER ROAD, BRIGHTON, SUSSEX, BN1-2LQ, UK). . . CLOSER TO HOME (*MY* HOME, ANYWAY) WE HAVE THE LATEST OFFERING BY THE TRULY DEMENTED MIND + PEN OF JIM BLANCHARD, NAMELY *CRUEL WORLD* ($4.50, BOX 20321, SEATTLE, 98102). THIS SLICK SELF-PUBLISHED PACKAGE IS SUPPOSED TO BE "KINDA FUNNY," JIM TELLS ME. YIKES! . . . ALSO TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT IS FRIEND + NEIGHBOR J.R. WILLIAMS'S LATEST COLLECTION *FUN HOUSE*, PUBLISHED BY FRIEND + NEIGHBOR M. DOWERS'S STARHEAD PRESS (SEND $5.50 — IT'S *68 PAGES*! — TO P.O. BOX 30044, SEATTLE, WA 98103). DON'T FORGET TO ASK ABOUT EXISTING AND EXCITING *FUTURE* STARHEAD TITLES COMING YOUR WAY. ALSO KEEP YOUR EYEBALLS PEELED FOR J.R.'S LONG-AWAITED, JUST-RELEASED REGULAR TITLE CALLED *CRAP*, PUBLISHED BY *EVERYBODY'S FAV-O-RITE* PUBLISHER (DRUM-ROLL, PLEASE) FANTAGRAPHIQUES!!! OTHER HOT, *HOT* OFFERINGS OF LATE FROM FANTA INCLUDE *GRIT BATH* BY RENEE FRENCH (ANOTHER RECENT EXAMPLE OF HOW WOMEN CAN BE JUST AS GROSS AS MEN — IN FACT, *GROSSER*! UGH! I GIVE UP, THE GIRLS WIN! FROM NOW ON IT'S JUST CUTE BUNNIES + FLOWERS FOR ME!), PLUS THE NEW *ZIPPY* COLLECTIONS SERVE AS A MUCH MORE SATISFYING WAY TO DIGEST B. GRIFFITH'S DAILY OBSERVATIONS, AND SPEAKIN' O' WHICH, ONE OF MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE COMIC BOOKS, NAMELY *GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY*, IS BACK IN PRINT, THANKS TO WHO? YOU GUESSED IT! FANBOYGRAPHICS! YA JUST GOTTA LOVE 'EM! . . . ONE LAST COMIC I MUST MENTION IS *NO HOPE*, A ONE MAN EFFORT BY JEFF LEVINE, FULL OF HIS HORRIBLY BLEAK OBSERVATIONS OF OUR DAILY EXISTENCE, PUBLISHED FROM SLAVE LABOR. JEFF ALSO PRODUCED AN ALL-ALTERNATIVE COMIC BOOK FANZINE CALLED *DESTROY ALL COMICS* (GOD FORBID!) AVAILABLE FOR $2.00 FROM: 2415 LAWTON STREET, SF, CA 94122. . . AND SPEAKING OF *FANZINES* (JEEZ, ARE YOU STILL READING THIS?), *GEARHEAD* IS GREASY, GLORIOUS PROOF THAT MIKE + SUNNY ARE NOT FULL OF SHIT WHEN THEY SAY "WE'RE WORKIN' ON A FANZINE! HONEST" IF YOU'RE INTO '60S HOTROD CULTURE, YOU'LL LOVE THIS ZINE. IN FACT, A LOT OF YOU MUST, SINCE THE FIRST ISH IS ALMOST SOLD OUT, BUT THE NEXT ISH SHOULD HAVE A P. BAGGE COVER, SO WRITE TO MIKE LAVELLA AT BOX 421219, SF, CA 94142-1219, AND TELL HIM WHAT GREAT TASTE IN COVER ARTISTS HE HAS . . . OTHER NOTABLE ZINES: *LARDASS* ($1.50, 125 NW 10TH STREET #4, GAINESVILLE, FL 32601), IF ONLY FOR THE ARTICLE WHERE ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS WORE ADULT DIAPERS, GOT OFF ON IT + WROTE ABOUT IT. EDITOR JOYCE SLATON IS GOING TO *RUIN THIS COUNTRY* BEFORE SHE'S THROUGH! *ROCKTOBER* #5, ($1.00, 1423 E. 53RD STREET #2, CHI, IL 60615), THE ALL-BASEBALL ISSUE, IF ONLY FOR THE COMIC STRIPS ABOUT THE IMMORTAL ROWLAND OFFICE! . . . *FLATTER* ($2.00 TO: BOX 421, OCCIDENTAL, CA 95465-0421), IF ONLY BECAUSE EDITOR JAINA DAVIS IS PART OF THE LISA CARVER POSSE SO YOU *KNOW* WHAT TO EXPECT! AND MATT SHAWKEY'S *KNUCKLE SANDWICH* ($2.00 TO 2106 STIRRUP LANE, ALEXANDRIA, VA, 22308) IF ONLY BECAUSE IT HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH LISA + CO., AND LISA + CO. ALWAYS GIVE GOOD INTERVIEW! . . . FINALLY, FOR THE MORE SERIOUS AMONG YOU (THAT MEANS *NONE* OF YOU) I MUST MENTION THOM POWERS'S *WOODWARD REVIEW*, A DETROIT-BASED FREEZINE FULL OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL COMMENTARY. WELL, THAT'S ALL I HAVE ROOM FOR THIS TIME! • —P.B.



"Froggy" from the old Andy Devine show gives Buddy the thumbs-up, by P. McDONALD of Metuchen, NJ.

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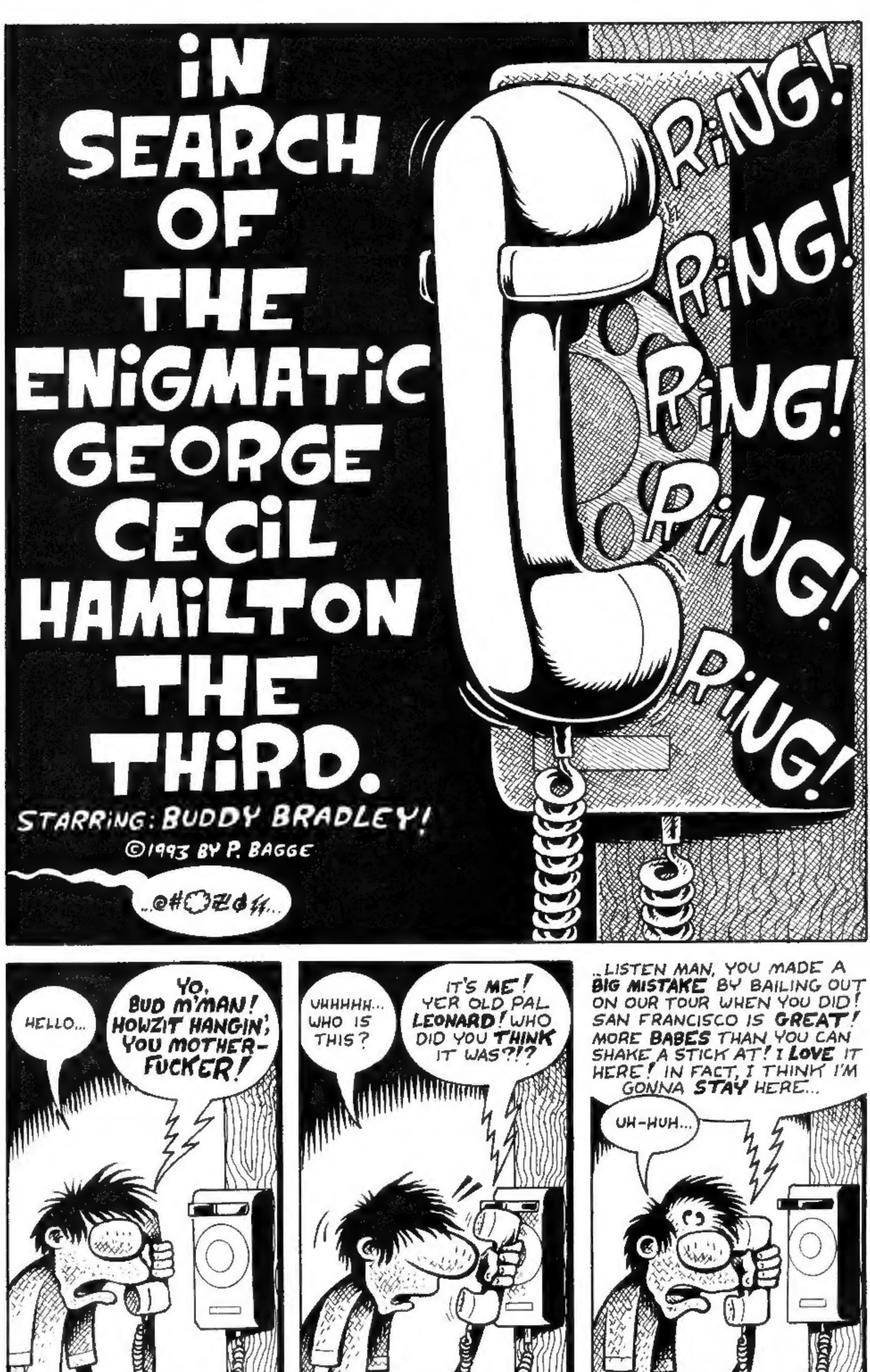

IN SEARCH OF THE ENIGMATIC GEORGE CECIL HAMILTON THE THIRD.
STARRING: BUDDY BRADLEY!
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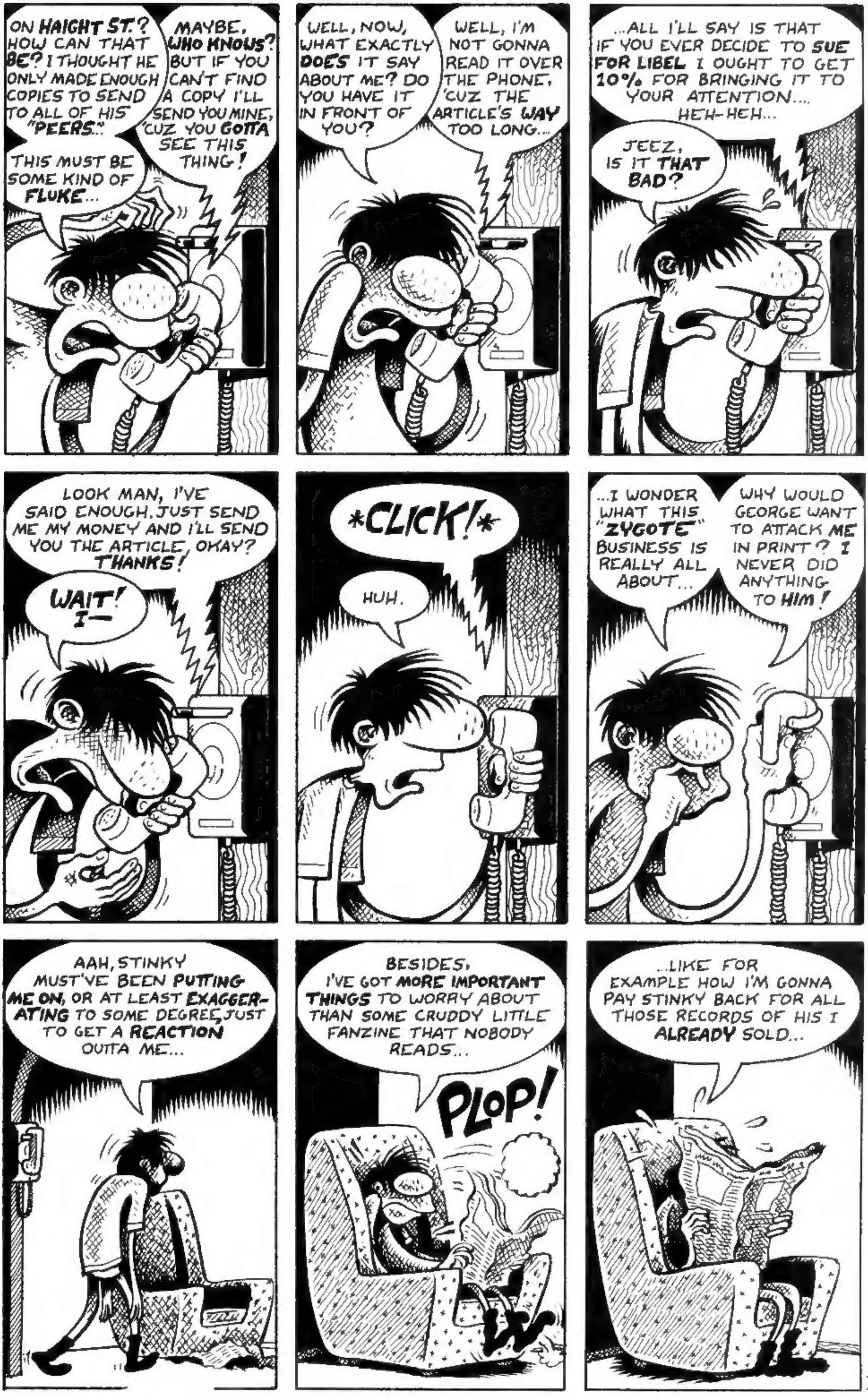
RING! RING! RING! RING! RING!
..@#☁ZØ$!...
HELLO...
YO, BUD M'MAN! HOWZIT HANGIN', YOU MOTHER-FUCKER!
UHHHHH... WHO IS THIS?
IT'S ME! YER OLD PAL LEONARD! WHO DID YOU THINK IT WAS?!?
..LISTEN MAN, YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE BY BAILING OUT ON OUR TOUR WHEN YOU DID! SAN FRANCISCO IS GREAT! MORE BABES THAN YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK AT! I LOVE IT HERE! IN FACT, I THINK I'M GONNA STAY HERE...
UH-HUH...

SO, LIKE, UH, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE OTHER BAND MEMBERS, LIKE WHATZISNAME, UMM...
WHO KNOWS AND WHO CARES!!! I'VE HAD IT WITH THOSE FUCKS! WHO NEEDS 'EM!?
UH-HUH... SO, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING...
OH, I'M GETTING BY, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER— WHICH REMINDS ME OF THE MAIN REASON I'M CALLING YOU...
UH-OH, HERE IT COMES...
NOW DON'T PANIC! I'M NOT GONNA HIT YOU UP FOR ANY MONEY! ALL I'M ASKING IS FOR YOU TO CHECK MY ROOM FOR ANYTHING VALUABLE...
"VALUABLE"? LIKE WHAT?
OH, YOU KNOW! LIKE OLD RECORDS, OR, I DUNNO... DRUGS OR SOMETHING...
AND THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, SELL THEM FOR YOU? NO WAY—
THEN SEND 'EM TO ME AND I'LL SELL THEM! JUST DO IT NOW 'CAUSE I'M DESPERATE!! PULLEEZE—
OKAY, OKAY, I'LL LOOK AND SEE WHAT I CAN DIG UP...
THANKS, MAN! ...OH, BY THE WAY, DID YOU SEE THE LATEST ISSUE OF ZYGOTE?
"ZYGOTE"? YOU MEAN, GEORGE'S LIL XEROXED MAGAZINE? WHY WOULD I BE READING THAT THING?
OH MAN, YOU GOTTA CHECK IT OUT! THERE'S A BIG ARTICLE ON YOU IN THERE! AND IT AIN'T NICE, LEMME TELL YA...
AN ARTICLE ON ME? BUT... WHY?
WELL, IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU, HE JUST USES YOU AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE YOUTH OF TODAY, OR SOME SUCH NONSENSE...
OH MAN, YA GOTTA CHECK IT OUT! YOU'RE GONNA SHIT!
BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE GEORGE LIVES, SO — HEY, HOW DID YOU GET A HOLD OF A COPY?
I FOUND IT IN A HEALTH FOOD STORE ON HAIGHT ST... THEY HAD A GREAT BIG PILE OF 'EM!


ON HAIGHT ST.? HOW CAN THAT BE? I THOUGHT HE ONLY MADE ENOUGH COPIES TO SEND TO ALL OF HIS "PEERS."
THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF FLUKE...
MAYBE. WHO KNOWS? BUT IF YOU CAN'T FIND A COPY I'LL SEND YOU MINE, 'CUZ YOU GOTTA SEE THIS THING!
WELL, NOW, WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT SAY ABOUT ME? DO YOU HAVE IT IN FRONT OF YOU?
WELL, I'M NOT GONNA READ IT OVER THE PHONE, 'CUZ THE ARTICLE'S WAY TOO LONG...
...ALL I'LL SAY IS THAT IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO SUE FOR LIBEL I OUGHT TO GET 10% FOR BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION.... HEH-HEH...
JEEZ, IS IT THAT BAD?
LOOK MAN, I'VE SAID ENOUGH. JUST SEND ME MY MONEY AND I'LL SEND YOU THE ARTICLE, OKAY? THANKS!
WAIT! I—
CLICK!
HUH.
...I WONDER WHAT THIS "ZYGOTE" BUSINESS IS REALLY ALL ABOUT...
WHY WOULD GEORGE WANT TO ATTACK ME IN PRINT? I NEVER DID ANYTHING TO HIM!
AAH, STINKY MUST'VE BEEN PUTTING ME ON, OR AT LEAST EXAGGERATING TO SOME DEGREE, JUST TO GET A REACTION OUTTA ME...
BESIDES, I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN SOME CRUDDY LITTLE FANZINE THAT NOBODY READS...
PLOP!
...LIKE FOR EXAMPLE HOW I'M GONNA PAY STINKY BACK FOR ALL THOSE RECORDS OF HIS I ALREADY SOLD...

THE NEXT DAY...
ELLOPHANE SQ
2HR PARKING 9-6
...I HOPE I CAN GET SOMETHING FOR WHAT'S LEFT OF STINKY'S RECORD COLLECTION...
WHILE I'M HERE I MIGHT AS WELL GRAB A COPY OF SOME OF THESE FREEBIE PUBLICATIONS...
TAKE ONE
Stranger
?!? WHAT'S THIS?! THIS COULDN'T BE GEORGE'S 'ZINE, COULD IT?
TAKE ONE
TWENTY-THREE
ZYGOTE
WORDS FROM THE HIGH-TECH WO
PUTER NETWORKS AS UMBILICAL COR
THE DEATH OF "CYBERPUNK"
• SLACKING SLACKERS
OH MY GOD, IT IS! AND LOOK AT HOW SLICK IT IS ALL OF A SUDDEN! COLOR COVERS AND EVERYTHING!
HOW ON EARTH DID HE GET UP THE MONEY TO...
ZYGOTE
—AND IT'S FOR FREE?! WHY, THIS IS INSANE!
THIS MEANS THAT EVERYONE IN TOWN WILL BE PICKING UP A COPY OF THIS!
LET'S SEE, WHERE'S THAT FRIGGIN' ARTICLE STINKY WAS TALKING ABOUT...
I GUESS THIS MUST BE IT...
IS THERE ANY H GENERATIO X?
ALL TO ARMS BY DITORS OF ZYGOTE
HMMM...THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME! IT'S JUST YER TYPICAL "TWENTY-SOMETHING" BULLSHIT, ABOUT HOW WE GOTTA GET OUR SHIT TOGETHER AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...
I DON'T SEE MY NAME ANY—
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S THIS?
ZYGOTE

..."A CASE IN POINT WOULD BE SOMEONE I HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO SHARE AN APARTMENT WITH A WHILE BACK WHO WENT BY THE NAME OF 'BUDDY'—SOME OF YOU MAY EVEN KNOW HIM, BUT EVEN IF YOU DON'T I'M SURE YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH HIS TYPE"...
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
..."THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OF THESE 'BUDDIES' AMONG US REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A FAILURE OF OUR MASS CULTURE AND EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BUT A FAILURE BY THE MORE ENLIGHTENED AMONG US FOR EVEN TOLERATING THE LIKES OF THEM, WITH THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDES AND REACTIONARY OPINIONS"...
..."IF WE ARE TO HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE FUTURE WE MUST FIRST PURGE THESE CANCEROUS BEINGS FROM OUR OWN RANKS BEFORE THEY POISON US ALL"...
RUMPLE! CRUMPLE!
HOW DARE HE! HOW FUCKIN' DARE HE! JUST WHO IN THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE IS?!?
I OUGHTA TRACK HIM DOWN AND...AND KILL HIM!
CAN I HELP YOU? YOU'VE BEEN STANDING THERE FOR A LONG TIME...
...BUT FIRST I'D BETTER CONFISCATE ALL THE OTHER COPIES BEFORE ANYONE ELSE READS THIS...
UH, EXCUSE ME, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE TAKING ALL OF THOSE...
SCOOP! SCOOP! SCOOP!
...I'D BETTER HURRY AND CHECK ALL THE OTHER LIKELY LOCATIONS FOR COPIES TOO, OR MY NAME'LL BE MUD!
HEY!!!
PLUNK!

HOURS LATER...
HMMMM... MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK OUT THIS PLACE, TOO...
RAMP
HEY, BUDDY! LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
HEAD EAST
HUH? OH, HI...
ACTUALLY, I'M LOOKING TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY COPIES OF A MAGAZINE CALLED "ZYGOTE"...
OH, YOU MEAN THIS THING?
ZYGOTE
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT ?!?
THEY HAD A HUGE PILE OF 'EM BY THE DOOR YESTERDAY...
THIS IS THE LAST ONE, I'M AFRAID...
ZOOM!
* SIGH * TOO LATE, JUST AS I FEARED...
WELL HERE, HAVE MY COPY IF YOU WANT IT THAT BAD...
HEY, DID YOU KNOW YOU'RE MENTIONED IN IT, BUDDY?
ZYGOTE
OF COURSE I KNOW! THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO CONFISCATE AS MANY COPIES AS I CAN! CAN YOU BELIEVE ALL THE LIES THEY WROTE ABOUT ME?!?
LIES?! WHAT LIES?! WHERE?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I JUST GLANCED THROUGH IT AND HAPPENED TO CATCH YOUR NAME...
WHY, IS IT REALLY THAT BAD?
ZYGOTE
IT'S BAD, IT'S BAD... READ IT FOR YOURSELVES, IF YOU MUST...
...OH MY... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN...
AND YOU STOLE FROM YOUR OWN MOTHER? *TSK, TSK*...
ZYGOTE

I ONLY TOOK A FEW BUCKS FROM HER PURSE! WHO DIDN'T PULL SHIT LIKE THAT WHEN THEY WERE A KID?!
PLUS I'M PROUD TO SAY I'VE NEVER VOTED ONCE IN MY WHOLE LIFE!
YEAH, WELL, I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. NOBODY TAKES THESE LITTLE "RANTZINES" SERIOUSLY ANYWAY...
...LISTENS TO RUSH LIMBAUGH... ...JEEZUS...
...I THINK IT WAS NIETZSCHE WHO ONCE SAID: "I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY WRITE ABOUT ME AS LONG AS THEY SPELL MY NAME RIGHT."
...OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT...
YEAH, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT...
OH, BUDDY...
...IS IT TRUE THAT YOU HATE THE JEWS?
?!? THAT I WHAT?!?
OH—HEH! HEH!—WELL, IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO SOMETHING YOU READ IN THERE, I CAN EXPLAIN...
ZYGOTE
...(WELL, JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, I FEEL THE SAME WAY)...
WHUH? YOU DO? BUT I—
(UH-HUH! THE WAY THEY OWN AND CONTROL EVERYTHING? IT'S DISGUSTING!)
(BACK WHERE I CAME FROM EVERYONE KNEW IT AND WASN'T AFRAID TO SAY IT, BUT UP HERE PEOPLE ARE... BRAINWASHED OR SOMETHING)...
...('CEPT YOU, THAT IS)...
BUT, I NEVER—
A JEW
HERE'S MY NUMBER, IN CASE YOU DON'T HAVE IT ALREADY...
CALL ME IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY THIS WEEK-END!
...BUT...
WELL, WELL! IT LOOKS LIKE ANTI-SEMITIC LOVE IS IN THE AIR...
B-B-BUT I...
DON'T FIGHT IT, BUDDY! IT'S BIGGER THAN THE BOTH OF YOU!
JUST WAIT 'TIL I REPORT HER TO THE ELDERS OF ZION! SHE'LL BE OUT OF A JOB WITHIN TWO WEEKS!
OH SHUT UP...

LATER THAT EVENING...
...AND THEN HE SAYS I HAVE THE "ETHICS OF A REPTILE" JUST BECAUSE I USED SOME OF HIS COUGH MEDICINE WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION AND THEN LEFT THE CAP OFF!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THE NERVE OF THIS GUY?!
Y'KNOW BUDDY, I THINK YOU'RE MAKING WAY TOO BIG A DEAL OUT OF THIS...
PACE!
STOMP!
...BUT WHAT GETS ME THE MOST IS HOW HE'LL TAKE OFF ON THIS NEW MALCOLM X ROUTINE WHENEVER IT SUITS HIS PURPOSES...
THERE'S ALL THIS TALK ABOUT A CONSPIRACY TO SUPPRESS "AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE," AND THAT I'M SOMEHOW A PART OF IT!
YEAH, WELL. THAT'S HIS PREROGATIVE, AFTER ALL...
STAY TUNED FOR "FULL HOUSE."
BUT WHAT DOES HE KNOW ABOUT IT, OR EVEN CARE, THAT OREO COOKIE! HE'S THE WHITEST ACTING GUY I KNOW!
HE'S JUST USING THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN TO STACK THE DECK AGAINST ME, THAT NO GOOD S.O.B...
BUDDY, SERIOUSLY, I THINK YOU'RE...
... AND IF HE MUST DISCUSS MY PERSONAL LIFE HE OUGHT TO AT LEAST GET HIS FACTS STRAIGHT! LIKE THIS PART, WHERE HE CLAIMS I WAS SCREWING MY "LONG SUFFERING GIRLFRIEND"'S ROOMMATE BEHIND HER BACK...
HE SAID WHAT?!?
GRAB!
LET ME SEE THAT THING!
?!? BUT, I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED...
..."HER SLEAZY ROOMMATE"? IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE ME? IS HE TALKING ABOUT ME?!?
WHO ELSE WOULD HE BE REFERRING TO?

BUT, THIS IS A TOTAL LIE! WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO TO ME? HOW DARE HE TRY TO INSINUATE THAT I... THAT I...
ISN'T THERE A LAW AGAINST THIS?!?
NOW YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL.
WHERE DOES THIS GUY LIVE? I FEEL LIKE TRACKING HIM DOWN AND AND KILLING HIM!!!
I WISH I KNEW... I TRIED HIS MOM'S HOUSE AND EVEN SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO REACH HIM...
AND WHERE'D HE GET THE MONEY TO PUT OUT A MAGAZINE LIKE THIS? DOES HE ACTUALLY HAVE FINANCIAL BACKING? WHO ON EARTH WOULD... I MEAN, HOW... WHY WOULD. .
...I'M STARTING TO GET PARANOID...
YOU AND ME BOTH, SISTER...
..Y'KNOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I CAN THINK OF TO GET EVEN WITH HIM...
YOU MEAN. ?
THAT'S RIGHT! PUT OUT A FANZINE OF MY OWN!
I'VE TALKED ABOUT IT LONG ENOUGH! THE TIME HAS COME TO ACT!
NOW I HAVE A CAUSE: VENGEANCE!
OH BOY! AND I'LL HELP!
THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS FOR ME TO WRITE A COUNTER-ATTACK TO THIS THING! THAT OUGHTA GET THE BALL ROLLING- ...THE REST WILL SIMPLY FALL INTO PLACE...
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TYPE? 'CUZ I SURE DON'T...
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THE PETTY DETAILS LATER! IN THE MEANTIME I'VE GOT ME A NO-HOLDS-BARRED VINDICTIVE DIATRIBE TO COMPOSE!
GO GET 'EM, BUD! AND I'M GONNA GO OUT AND, UH, ...BUY A STAPLER!

TWO WEEKS LATER
SO BUDDY, HAVE YOU COME UP WITH ANY IDEAS FOR OUR FANZINE?
OUR WHAT? OH.. THAT...
...COMING UP NEXT: MELROSE PLACE!
...NAH... ONCE I WROTE MY REBUTTAL TO GEORGE'S THING I PRETTY MUCH EW A BLANK...
...I WROTE SOME REVIEWS OF RECORDS AND MOVIES AND STUFF, BUT THEY WERE ALL 100% NEGATIVE, WHICH SORTA CONFIRMED ONE OF GEORGE'S CHARGES AGAINST ME...
SO I THREW 'EM OUT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MY OWN CREDIBILITY...
DORITOS
..SO WHAT HAVE YOU COME UP WITH?
ME? I NEVER SAID I WAS GONNA WRITE ANYTHING! I WAS JUST GONNA HELP YOU BY DOING THE STUPID, MINDLESS STUFF, LIKE STEALING DRAWINGS FROM COMIC BOOKS AND USING THEM WITHOUT CREDIT OR PERMISSION, AND LIKE THAT...
AAH, I DON'T EVEN CARE ANYMORE... I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA CATCH A LOT OF FLAK OVER WHAT GEORGE WROTE ABOUT ME, BUT NOONE HAS EVEN MENTIONED IT TO ME YET...
I GUESS I OUGHT TO BE RELIEVED, BUT I'M ACTUALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT NOBODY'S SAID A WORD ABOUT THIS...
MY FRIENDS HAVE ALL LET ME DOWN, THANKS TO THEIR GOD-DAMNED APATHY.
Y'KNOW, I READ SOMEWHERE RECENTLY THAT THIS LACK OF ANY KIND OF MORAL OUTRAGE IS WHAT'S DESTROYING OUR COUNTRY...
WHOEVER WROTE THAT WAS TOTALLY RIGHT ON!
YOU READ THAT IN GEORGE'S ARTICLE ABOUT US...
I DID? OOPS...
...NEVER MIND
* SIGH *

...WELL NEEDLESS TO SAY OUR "FANZINE" IDEA IS DEAD IN THE WATER, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON MY QUEST FOR VENGEANCE AGAINST GEORGE CECIL HAMILTON THE THIRD...
SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, LIE ON THE COUCH 'TIL HE BEGS FOR MERCY?
NOT QUITE...I'VE ALREADY CALLED EVERYONE I KNOW WHO KNOWS HIM AND OFFERED A 20 DOLLAR REWARD TO THE FIRST PERSON WHO CAN LEAD ME TO HIS WHEREABOUTS...
"MORAL OUTRAGE"...I'LL SHOW HIM SOME MORAL OUTRAGE...
RING! RING! RING!
I'LL GET IT! THIS COULD BE A LEAD.
DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP BUD.
LEAP!
RING! RING!
HELLO? OH, HIYA, ROY! I WAS JUST—
—YOU'RE KIDDING! WHERE? WHEN?
..YOU FOLLOWED HIM TO HIS HOME? GREAT! DID YOU GET THE ADDRESS? ...GREAT! LET'S HAVE IT...
...6TH AVE. WEST WHERE IS THAT, ON QUEEN ANNE HILL? ..WHAT'S HE DOIN' OVER THERE? ..OH WELL, WHO CARES...
MUNCH!
...HUH? YOU BET I AM! IN FACT I'M GONNA HEAD OVER THERE RIGHT NOW!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL FILL YOU IN ON EVERYTHING LATER... I'LL EVEN INCLUDE THE AUTOPSY REPORT! YUCK! YUCK!
THANKS FOR THE TIP, MAN! I OWE YA 20!
OH BROTHER
ISN'T IT KINDA LATE TO BE HEADING OUT?
PERHAPS, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET THE TRAIL GROW COLD...
WELL, IF YOU DO RUN INTO GEORGE TELL HIM I SAID HI...
WILL DO! BYE!
SLAM!
"AUTOPSY REPORT"...WHO DOES HE THINK HE'S KIDDING

LATER...
WOW! WHAT A NICE HOUSE!
I WONDER WHOSE IT IS, AND WHAT GEORGE WOULD BE DOING HERE..
UH-OH, A CAR'S PULLING UP...
HMMM... WHO'S SHE? SHE AIN'T HALF BAD, FOR AN OLDER BROAD...
THIS WHOLE SET-UP DOES NOT ADD UP AT ALL...
OH WELL, I'LL NEVER FIND OUT ANYTHING BY JUST STANDING HERE.
S'CUSE ME, MA'AM, I —
GASP! MY GOODNESS, Y-YOU SCARED ME! W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
OH—GULP!— WELL, YOU SEE, I'M AN OLD FRIEND OF SOMEONE NAMED GEORGE HAMILTON, AND I WAS...
A FRIEND OF GEORGE'S? WHY, HOW WONDERFUL! MY NAME IS WINIFRED...
AND YOU ARE?.
OH, MY NAME IS BUDDY... I DO HAVE THE RIGHT ADDRESS, DON'T I? HE DOES LIVE HERE, DOESN'T HE?
YES YOU DO AND YES HE DOES..
WAIT HERE AND I'LL SEE IF HE'S IN..
JESUS, THAT WAS DUMB!
I ALMOST GOT A FACE FULL OF MACE!
WHAT DID I GET DRESSED UP LIKE A CAT BURGLAR FOR, ANYWAY?
SLAM

OH GEORGE, THERE'S A FRIEND OF YOURS HERE WHO STOPPED BY TO SEE YOU...
A "FRIEND"? BUT I DON'T..
OH.. IT'S YOU...
HEY, OLD PAL! LONG TIME NO SEE!
WELL, THIS CERTAINLY IS A RARE TREAT! I'VE NEVER MET ANY OF GEORGE'S FRIENDS BEFORE...
HAVE A SEAT, BUDDY, AND I'LL GO PUT ON SOME TEA...
NO! DON'T GO!
LOOK, GEORGE, I JUST GOT HOME AND I'VE GOT A MILLION THINGS TO DO! YOU TWO SIT AND GET RE-ACQUAINTED AND I'LL JOIN YOU LATER...
CREAM OR SUGAR, BUDDY?
HUH? OH, BOTH, THANKS!
SO, PRETTY NICE SET-UP, GEORGE. HOW'D YOU EVER SWING SUCH A SWEET DEAL?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. JUST TELL ME WHY YOU'RE HERE AND THEN GO HOME...
SPIN SPIN
WHY AM I HERE? YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW? CAN'T YOU EVEN GUESS?
I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST NOTION, UNLESS YOU'RE BORED, AND..
THIS IS WHY I'M HERE, "PAL"!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LIBEL MEANS?
ZYGOTE

...OH... ...THIS... WELL, YOU NEEDN'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY.
...I SIMPLY USED YOU AS A PROTOTYPE, IN ORDER TO ILLUSTRATE A POINT I WAS MAKING
OH? AND WHAT POINT WAS THAT? THAT PEOPLE LIKE ME OUGHT TO BE EXTERMINATED?!
ZYGOTE
...I'LL INTERPRET YOUR SILENCE AS A "YES".
HRRUMPH! I CAN SEE YOU'VE ALREADY CONVINCED YOURSELF THAT MY MOTIVES WERE PURELY VINDICTIVE, SO I WON'T WASTE MY TIME BY TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU OTHERWISE...
OH, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY! I COULD USE A GOOD LAUGH!
GO ON! EXPLAIN TO ME WHY I SHOULDN'T BEAT THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS OUT OF YOU!
TOSS!
LOOK, EVERY WORD I WROTE ABOUT YOU IS TRUE— IF NOT IN FACT AT LEAST IN SPIRIT—AND YOU KNOW IT! YOU SHOULD BE MAD AT YOURSELF, NOT AT ME!
MAYBE YOU WEREN'T FULLY AWARE OF ALL YOUR SHORTCOMINGS BEFORE NOW, BUT NOW YOU ARE, AND YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL!
...I NEVER SCREWED LISA WHILE I WAS DATING VAL, YOU KNOW...
...LISA WAS PRETTY UPSET ABOUT THAT...
YEAH, WELL, KNOWING HER, SHE WON'T BE UPSET FOR LONG...

IN FACT, A LOT OF WHAT YOU WROTE ABOUT ME WAS PURE FICTION, AND YOU KNOW IT!
"RUSH LIMBAUGH," GIMME A BREAK!
I ONLY LISTEN TO HIM FOR LAUGHS...
...FORTUNATELY FOR THE BOTH OF US NOBODY READS YOUR STUPID MAGAZINE, OR I'D...
I PRINTED UP 15,000 COPIES..
SHAKE! SHAKE!
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GET THE MONEY TO PRINT 15,000 COPIES?!? DID SHE GIVE IT TO YOU?!?
LIKE I SAID, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
OH, I SEE, SHE'S IN ON THIS TOO, HUH?
THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW, 'CUZ THEN I CAN SUE THE BOTH OF YOU, SINCE SHE'S GOT "ASSETS"... LIKE THIS HOUSE, F'RINSTANCE...
SHE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
...*SIGH*... OKAY, SHE DID FRONT ME THE MONEY, BUT ONLY BECAUSE SHE BELIEVES IN MY WORK, AND FELT IT DESERVED A WIDER AUDIENCE, SO WE...
WHADAYA MEAN, SHE BELIEVES IN YOUR WORK? DOES SHE THINK SHE'S GONNA GET RICH OFF OF YOU OR SOMETHING?
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL! SHE. ...SHE...
SHE WHAT?
...SHE THINKS I'M A GENIUS...
HA!!! A "GENIUS"?!? SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU GET TO LIVE HERE FOR FREE, AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIT HERE AND MAKE UP LIES ABOUT ME, WHILE SHE—
THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT! SHE SAYS I GIVE HER LIFE MEANING AND SUSTENANCE.
YEAH, RIGHT! YOU GIVE HER PUSSY SUSTENANCE, IS MORE LIKE IT...

WHY YOU—
ACK!!!
CHOKE! STRANGLE!
BOYS! BOYS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
BIFF! BAM! KICK! PUNCH!
PUNCH!
INFLICT!
GOUGE!
GEORGE, STOP THAT THIS INSTANT! YOU'LL DENT THE FURNITURE!
HUH? OH. SORRY...
WHEW! JUST IN TIME! I WAS LOSING!
...I'M SURE THAT WHATEVER IT IS YOU TWO ARE FIGHTING ABOUT COULD BE SETTLED OVER A NICE CUP OF HOT TEA...
I'M AFRAID BUDDY WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE..
OH BOY! 'NILLA WAFERS! MY FAVORITE!
ONE LUMP OR TWO, BUDDY.
TWO, PLEASE...
SAY, NICE CHINA!
THANK YOU. IT WAS A WEDDING GIFT...
"WEDDING"? BUT I—
I'M DIVORCED..
SO TELL ME, ARE YOU THE SAME BUDDY THAT GEORGE WROTE ABOUT IN HIS MAGAZINE? AND IS THAT WHY THE TWO OF YOU ARE QUARRELLING?
WHY, AS A MATTER OF FACT IT IS! HOW PERCEPTIVE OF YOU, WINIFRED!
AT LEAST SOMEONE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW I'M HURTING!

YES, WELL, I TOLD GEORGE IT WAS RATHER RECKLESS OF HIM TO USE HIS FRIEND'S REAL NAME LIKE THAT..
BUT IT WAS THE TRUTH!!
THE "TRUTH"?!? IT WAS NOTHING BUT LIES! ALL OF IT!!!
HMMM, WELL, WHAT EXACTLY IS THE "TRUTH" IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO SPECULATION, WHICH IS WHY YOU OUGHT TO FICTIONALIZE YOUR "PROTOTYPES" FROM NOW ON, GEORGE...
SLURP!
SOUND ADVICE!
GRRRRR.. I THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD..
YES, I KNOW, "ARTISTIC PURITY" AND ALL THAT, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT TO EVERYTHING.
IF YOU HAD ONLY LISTENED TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE, NONE OF THIS UNPLEASANTNESS WOULDV'E OCCURRED...
MMMMM... I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THESE WAFERS!
SO, SEEING HOW UPSET BUDDY IS OVER ALL OF THIS, I THINK IT'D BE ONLY FAIR THAT YOU ALLOW HIM TO EXPRESS HIS SIDE OF THE STORY IN YOUR NEXT ISSUE...
WHAT?!
NOW THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
..AND IN FACT I JUST SO HAPPEN TO HAVE A REBUTTAL RIGHT HERE IN MY POCKET, ALL WRITTEN UP AND READY TO GO..
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE UP MORE THAN, OH, SAY, TEN OR FIFTEEN PAGES...
I VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT IT WILL MEET MY EDITORIAL STANDARDS.
OH GEORGE, STOP POUTING! LET'S JUST TRY TO BE CIVIL ABOUT THIS SO THAT WE CAN ALL PROCEED WITH A CLEAN SLATE!
I SWEAR I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEHAVE THIS WAY BEFORE, AND I CAN'T SAY THAT I LIKE IT!
(TRUST ME, WINIFRED, YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN'! HE CAN REALLY ACT UP SOMETIMES..)
OKAY, I'LL PRINT IT! NOW CAN WE PLEASE CHANGE THE SUBJECT!

SO TELL ME, HOW DID YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS HAPPEN TO MEET?
OH! WELL, IT WAS AT A SOFTWARE CONVENTION, WHERE I WAS WORKING AS A SALES REP..
I-YI-YI...
..GEORGE WALKED UP TO OUR BOOTH AND BEGAN A RELENTLESS BARRAGE OF, SHALL WE SAY, CHALLENGING QUESTIONS.
NONE OF WHICH YOU COULD ANSWER, BY THE WAY...
..MEANWHILE, I NOTICED HE HAD COPIES OF HIS SELF-PUBLISHED MAGAZINE UNDER HIS ARM, SO OUT OF CURIOSITY I TOOK A FEW HOME AND READ THEM, AND I WAS STRUCK BY THE DEPTH AND ORIGINALITY OF HIS THINKING, ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE WITH NO COLLEGE EDUCATION..
"FORMAL" EDUCATION STIFLES ORIGINAL THOUGHT.
..ANYWAY, WE STRUCK UP A CORRESPONDENCE, WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO MY ASKING GEORGE TO MOVE IN WITH ME..
BOY OH BOY, GEORGE, YOU SURE LUCKED OUT! HERE YOU ARE, LIVING RENT FREE, WITH—
NUDGE' NUDGE'
OH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER! THIS HOUSE WAS PAID OFF YEARS AGO...
BESIDES, GEORGE HELPS ME KEEP THE PLACE UP BY MOWING THE LAWN AND WHAT-NOT..
REALLY? GEORGE MOWS THE LAWN? NOW THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE INSINUATING, BUDDY, AND I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS TO YOURSELF.
"THOUGHTS"? WHAT THOUGHTS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, SO DON'T TRY TO BE CUTE!
I SWEAR TO GOD, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE—
NEITHER DO I, AND I WISH YOU'D STOP IT, GEORGE! ARE YOU ALWAYS THIS HOSTILE TOWARDS YOUR FRIENDS, OR ARE YOU SIMPLY IN A RARE MOOD TODAY?
NEITHER! IT'S JUST THAT I—OH, FORGET IT!
ANYHOW, I OUGHT TO BE GOING..
OH! WELL, IT WAS NICE MEETING YOU, BUDDY! PERHAPS SOME OTHER TIME?
PERHAPS, AND THANKS FOR THE TEA!
WHEW! FINALLY!

...SO YOU WILL BE RUNNING MY REBUTTAL IN YOUR NEXT ISSUE, RIGHT, GEORGE? I DO HAVE YOUR WORD ON THAT...
YES! YES! DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK!
BY THE WAY, WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT GOT YOU SO UPTIGHT BEFORE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY I WAS "PUSSY-WHIPPED".
WHAT?! WHY ON EARTH WOULD I SAY THAT? MAN, YOU GOT IT MADE IN THE SHADE! I'M ENVIOUS—
BELIEVE ME, THIS SET-UP ISN'T AS "SWEET" AS YOU SEEM TO THINK IT IS.
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I'M HER PRISONER — OR WORSE, HER PET!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S GOT ME DOING YARDWORK! IT'S SO.. DEMEANING!
JESUS CHRIST! WHAT A PRIMA DONNA!
OH WELL, SO LONG, BUDDY
YUP. SEE YA.
..OH, UH, GEORGE?
YES?
..YOU MISSED A SPOT, RIGHT OVER HERE..
?!?
VENGEANCE IS MINE!
WHY YOU
TA-HA!!

THE END.

IT'S BUDDY'S PAL "STINKY"
(IN)
I LEFT MY STASH IN SAN FRANCISCO
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MEANWHILE, IN SOME TRENDY LIL' "FRISCO" CAFE
UH-OH, LINDA SUE ORDERED COFFEE FOR THE BOTH OF US
HOPE SHE DOESN'T MIND PAYIN' FOR MINE, 'CUZ I'M BROKE!
"BORROWED" PHONE CARD
DID YOU MAKE YOUR PHONE CALL?
YEAH, YEAH, NO PROBLEM.
HEY, YOU LOOK PRETTY HOT IN THAT MINI-SKIRT, YOU KNOW THAT?
SO YOU KEEP TELLING ME
YEAH, WELL, BELIEVE IT!
IN FACT, WE SHOULD TRY GETTIN' IT ON RIGHT HERE AND NOW, OKAY? WHADAYA SAY?
GIGGLE OH, SURE, NOW THERE'S A PLAN
I'M SERIOUS! YOU'VE GOT ME ALL HOT AND BOTHERED, AND I'D HATE TO LET A PERFECTLY GOOD "STIFFY" GO TO WASTE...
(LEONARD, CONTROL YOURSELF! WE'RE IN PUBLIC, FOR GOODNESS' SAKES!)
SO? WE CAN BE DISCREET ABOUT IT...
..I'LL JUST LIFT YOUR DRESS A TINY BIT LIKE THIS, AND IF YOU COULD MOVE YOUR LEG OVER THIS WAY, THEN I COULD..
STOP THAT! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
I SWEAR, YOU ARE THE HORNIEST PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN!
PUSH!
IS THAT BAD?

YES, IT IS, ONCE YOU START UNZIPPING YOUR PANTS IN RES-TAURANTS—
— NOW WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
SNIFF Y-YOU HATE ME!!! *SOB!*
OH NO, NOT THIS AGAIN! I'VE KNOWN SOME HARD-UP GUYS IN MY DAY, BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO ACTUALLY BURSTS INTO TEARS WHENEVER HIS ATTENTIONS ARE SPURNED!
BWAHHH!!!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
HOME!
AND DON'T BOTHER FOLLOWING ME, 'CAUSE I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU!
B-BUT, CAN'T I AT LEAST GO BACK TO YOUR PLACE SO'S I CAN GATHER ALL MY STUFF?
"STUFF"?! WHAT STUFF?! YOU DON'T HAVE ANY STUFF! YOU'VE JUST BEEN MOOCHING OFF OF ME FOR THE LAST MONTH!
AND DON'T TRY TO SWEET TALK YOUR WAY PAST ANY OF MY ROOMMATES EITHER, 'CAUSE THEY ALREADY HATE YOUR GUTS!
..BUT BUT
GOODBYE, LEONARD!
DARN IT! UNBEKNOWNST TO HER I'VE HID A BAG FULL OF ASSORTED DRUGS UNDER HER MATTRESS THAT I WAS HOARDING FOR MY OWN USE!
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET BACK INTO HER PLACE SOMEHOW
HEY YOU!
WOULD YOU MIND PAYING FOR THESE TWO COFFEES BEFORE YOU LEAVE?
HUH? WHY YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WOULD MIND!
YIKES!
WHY YOU NO GOOD
ZOOM!

LATER
MAN, IT'S GETTING COLD OUT! AND NOW IT'S STARTING TO RAIN! SHIT!
WHOEVER WROTE THAT SONG "WARM SAN FRANCISCO NIGHTS" OBVIOUSLY NEVER SET FOOT IN THIS BURG
BRRRR! I'M GONNA CROAK IF I DON'T WEASEL MY WAY BACK INTO LINDA SUE'S GOOD GRACES, BUT IT'S STILL WAY TOO SOON FOR ME TO GO TO WORK ON HER
SHE'S SURE TO BE PISSED AT ME FOR AT LEAST A DAY.. MAYBE EVEN TWO DAYS. I'VE GOT TO KEEP MY DISTANCE 'TIL THEN OR ELSE I'LL COMPLETELY BLOW IT
LEATHER JACKET!
CHATTER! CHATTER!
A NON-CONFORMIST!
NOW THINK THERE MUST BE SOMEONE I KNOW WHO LIVES AROUND HERE THAT I COULD CRASH WITH
PREFERABLY FEMALE.
TAP! TAP!
I SHOULD CHECK THESE SCRAPS OF PAPER AND MATCHBOOK COVERS I'VE GOT IN MY POCKET..
THERE OUGHT TO BE A USEFUL PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS ON AT LEAST ONE OF 'EM.
AH HA, HERE'S ONE! "TRACY". YEAH, I REMEMBER HER
AND SHE ONLY LIVES ABOUT 20 BLOCKS FROM HERE. MIGHT AS WELL GIVE HER A CALL..
—WHOA, WHAT'S THIS?
..IT'S THAT UNUSED ONE-WAY TICKET TO NEW YORK THAT THAT DRUNKEN CARTOONIST GAVE ME LAST WEEK, AND IT LEAVES TOMORROW!
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THIS!
EE-YES! THIS TICKET IS LIKE A GIFT FROM THE HEAVENS! AT LAST I CAN GET AWAY FROM THIS DRIPPY HIPPY DISNEYLAND!
NEW YORK IS THE ONLY PLACE FOR AN AMBITIOUS GUY LIKE ME, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME I WENT BACK TO STAKE MY CLAIM!
LOOK AT ME I'M CRAZY!
CLICK!
BUT MEANWHILE, I'D BETTER CALL THIS TRACY CHICK BEFORE I CATCH PNEUMONIA ..
MAYBE SHE COULD GIVE ME A LIFT TO THE AIRPORT TOMORROW, TOO..

DRAT! SHE'S NOT HOME YET!
BUT I MIGHT AS WELL START WALKING TOWARDS HER PLACE ANY WAY
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE
SLAM!
AN HOUR LATER
WHEW! THESE HILLS ARE INSANE!
..AND SHE LIVES FARTHER AWAY THAN I THOUGHT. I'M NOT TOO SURE I'M GONNA MAKE IT
AND WHAT IF SHE'S STILL NOT HOME WHEN I GET THERE?
JESUS
I WISH I COULD JUST JUMP INTO ONE OF THESE CARS THAT KEEP ZOOMING BY
YOU'D THINK AT LEAST SOME LONELY OLD HOMO WOULD STOP AND OFFER ME A RIDE..
MAYBE BUY ME DINNER AND PROVIDE ME WITH MY OWN APARTMENT.
—NOW THERE'S AN IDEA! I SHOULD TRY A LITTLE HUSTLING!
HELL, I AIN'T PROUD! PLUS I KNOW LOTS OF GUYS WHO'VE DONE THIS WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH! IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
I'LL JUST STAND HERE FOR A WHILE AND WAIT FOR A POTENTIAL CUSTOMER TO PASS MY WAY
ANOTHER HOUR LATER
SHIT! IT'S POURING OUT NOW! WON'T SOMEONE AT LEAST STOP OUT OF SYMPATHY?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AIN'T I GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU BASTARDS?!
ZIP!
ZOOM!
AAH, FUCK IT! I MIGHT AS WELL KEEP WALKING
AT LEAST I STILL GOT MY PRIDE, FOR WHAT THAT'S WORTH
AND AT THE MOMENT THAT AIN'T MUCH.
TRUDGE TRUDGE
EVENTUALLY.
AH, GOOD! HER LIGHTS ARE ON, SO SHE MUST BE HOME
HOPEFULLY SHE PLAYED MY MESSAGE AND IS EXPECTING ME.
ONLY SHE'S NOT GONNA BE TOO IMPRESSED WITH ME, CONSIDERING THE CONDITION I'M IN.
I MUST LOOK LIKE THE BEGGAR THAT I AM

—THAT'S IT! I'LL PLAY UP MY DESPERATE SITUATION TO THE Nth DEGREE...
THAT WAY SHE'LL FEEL SO SORRY FOR ME SHE'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME IN!
BZZZT!
BANG!
...WOMEN ARE USUALLY TURNED-OFF BY DESPERATE TYPES, BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS APPEAL TO THEIR MATERNAL INSTINCTS IF YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT...
KNOCK! KNOCK!
HI, LEONARD! I JUST GOT YOUR...
LEONARD?
UGGGHHH...
OHMIGOD! LEONARD, WHAT'S WRONG?!
PLOP!
THE NEXT DAY...
THAT SURE WAS NICE OF TRACY TO PUT ME UP, AND GIVE ME A LIFT TO THE AIRPORT, AND FEED ME CHICKEN SOUP 'TIL IT CAME OUT OF MY EARS 'N' STUFF...
I SHOULD HOLD ON TO HER ADDRESS, JUST IN CASE...
...NOT THAT I EVER INTEND TO MOVE BACK TO "FRISCO", NO-SIR-REE-BOB...
I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT THINGS ARE GONNA GO REAL WELL FOR ME IN NEW YORK THIS TIME...
DOING WHAT I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT'S BESIDES THE POINT AT THE MOMENT...
...MAN, I LOVE FLYING ON AIRPLANES... ESPECIALLY ON A CLEAR DAY LIKE TODAY...
WISH I WAS ON ACID RIGHT NOW — WAIT, DIDN'T I JUST SCORE SOME LAST WEEK? I COULD'A SWORN I...
OH NO! MY STASH!!!
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THE END.

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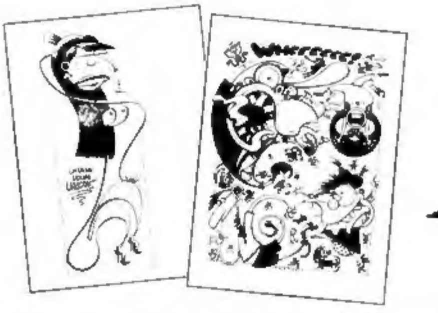

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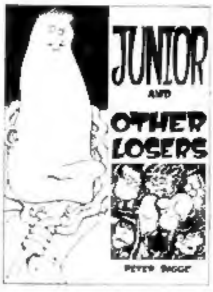

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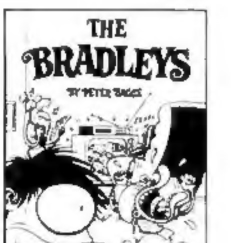

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...IT WAS ALL A PLOT! HOW COULD I NOT HAVE KNOWN?!
...EVERYONE KNOWS THEY RIPPED ME OFF! WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PROVE IT!?...
...THEY ALL HATED ME—SIMPLY BECAUSE I WOULDN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE USED!...
OMIGOD! WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN PUTTING IN MY SPAM?!
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...I SHOULDN'T 'A' HAD THAT SECOND CUP OF COFFEE...
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SPAM
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